

REMARKS

The Examiner is thanked for the thorough examination of the present application and the allowance of claims 33 and 49-53.

The Office Action, however, rejected claims 41-47 under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, indicating that there is no support in the specification for the term “bit” that was inadvertently added in claim 41 in the previous amendment. Applicant has amended claim 41 to remove this term and therefore overcome this rejection. As the Office Action indicated that claim 41 would be allowable if this term was deleted from the claim, claims 41-47 should now be in condition for allowance.

The Office Action also rejected claims 34-40 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, indicating that the phrase “... in said top electrode within said corresponding trench” lacks proper antecedent basis. Applicant has amended claim 34 to instead recite “... in said top electrode within on of the two trenches.” As amended, claim 34 overcomes the noted deficiency and claims 34-40 should now be in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, it is believed that all pending claims are in proper condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference would expedite the examination of the above-identified patent application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned.

No fee is believed to be due in connection with this amendment and response to FINAL Office Action. If, however, any fee is believed to be due, you are hereby authorized to charge any such fee to deposit account No. 20-0778.

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